

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by anticipated by Takahashi et al.(USPN 5923268).

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Tetsuya (Japanese Pub 08-237777).

Claims 6 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya (USPN 6795130).

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. (103a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya (USPN 6795130) further in view of Tetsuya (Japanese Pub 08-237777).

The above rejections are respectfully traversed.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1 and 5 under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by anticipated by Takahashi et al., Applicant submits that Takahashi et al. does not disclose at least “maintaining a current equipment mode of the universal remote control when the stored information on the input buttons is not the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus”, as recited in claim 1. Regarding the rejection of claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Tetsuya, Applicant respectfully submits that the references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest “maintaining a current equipment mode of the universal remote control when the stored information on the input buttons is not the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus”, as recited


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in claim 1. Analogous arguments apply to the rejections of claims 6-10 in that the references applied against these claims fail to teach an analogous feature recited in claims 6 and 9 to that which was discussed in reference to claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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